

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for controlling tiles within a sidebar to ~~respond to a manipulation request by a system user or by an application to manipulate a selected tile,~~ the method comprising:

receiving a request to manipulate a selected tile in a sidebar;

in response to the request, determining a current status of the selected tile;

selecting an appropriate manipulation rule set based on the identity of the manipulation requestor, wherein the appropriate rule set is one of an application manipulation rule set and a user manipulation rule set; ~~and~~

locating an appropriate manipulation rule within the selected appropriate manipulation rule set based on the current status of the selected tile and content of the request; and

manipulating the selected tile in accordance with the located appropriate manipulation rule.

2 (cancelled).

3 (currently amended): The computer-implemented method of ~~claim 2~~claim 1, further comprising receiving a request from ~~the a~~ system user to add the selected tile to the sidebar and manipulating the selected tile to add the selected tile to a top of the sidebar.

4 (currently amended): ~~The method of~~ The computer-implemented method of claim 1~~claim 2~~, further comprising receiving a request from ~~an~~ the application to add the selected tile to the sidebar and manipulating the tile to add the selected tile to a bottom portion of the sidebar.

5 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~ The computer-implemented method of claim 4, further comprising providing a user notification to instruct ~~at~~ the system user regarding removal of the selected tile.

6 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~The computer-implemented method of -2claim 1, further comprising receiving an application request to show the selected tile, determining the status as hidden, and manipulating the selected tile to reveal the selected tile.

7 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~The computer-implemented method of -2claim 1, further comprising receiving an application request to hide the selected tile, determining the status as visible, and manipulating the selected tile to hide the selected tile.

8 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~The computer-implemented method of -2claim 1, further comprising receiving a user request to remove the selected tile and manipulating the selected tile by banning the selected tile from the sidebar.

9 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising receiving an application request to show the selected tile, determining the current status of the selected tile as banned, and refusing to show the tile based on the appropriate rule.

10 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising providing a user interface option menu for revealing the current tile status to the a system user.

11 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~The computer-implemented method of claim 10, further comprising providing a check mark to indicate a visible tile.

12 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~The computer-implemented method of claim 10, further comprising providing a blank space to indicate one of a newly installed and a banned tile.

13 (currently amended): A system for controlling tiles within a sidebar when a manipulation request is made by a system user or by an application to manipulate a selected tile, the system comprising:

an input module configured to receiving the manipulation request;

a status determination module ~~configured to indicate~~for indicating a current status of the selected tile;

~~one or more~~ user manipulation rules ~~defining an~~for determining appropriate disposition of the selected tile based on the current status of the selected tile when the manipulation request originates from the system user;

~~one or more~~ application manipulation rules ~~defining an~~for determining an disposition of the selected tile based on the current status of the selected tile when the manipulation request originates from the application; and

~~one or more~~ manipulation tools ~~for configured to manipulate~~manipulating the selected tile in accordance with one of the user manipulation rules and the application manipulation rules.

14 (currently amended): The system of claim 13, wherein the ~~one or more~~ user manipulation rules ~~provide for cause adding the selected tile to be added to~~ a top portion of the sidebar upon receiving the manipulation request from a the system user request.

15 (currently amended): The system of claim 13, wherein the ~~one or more~~ application manipulation rules ~~provide for cause adding the selected tile to be added to~~ a bottom portion of the sidebar upon receiving the manipulation request from an the application request.

16 (currently amended): The system of claim 15, wherein the ~~one or more~~ application manipulation rules further require providing a user notification to instruct the user regarding removal of the selected tile.

17 (currently amended): The system of claim 13, wherein the ~~one or more~~ application manipulation rules provide for showing the selected tile upon receiving an application request after determining the current tile status as hidden.

18 (currently amended): The system of claim 13, wherein the ~~one or more~~ application manipulation rules provide for hiding the selected tile upon receiving an application request and determining the current tile status as visible.

19 (currently amended): The system of claim 13, wherein the one or more user manipulation rules provide for banning the selected tile from the sidebar upon receiving a user request.

20 (currently amended): The system of claim 13, wherein the one or more application manipulation rules, upon determining the current tile status as banned, require refusal to show the selected tile upon receiving an application request.

21 (original): The system of claim 13, further comprising a user interface option menu for revealing the current tile status to the system user.

22 (original): The system of claim 21, wherein the user interface option menu comprises a status indicator including a check mark to indicate a visible tile.

23 (original): The system of claim 21, wherein the user interface option menu includes a blank status indicator to indicate one of a newly installed and a banned tile.

24 (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for controlling a selected tile within a sidebar upon receiving an application request for manipulation of the selected tile, the method comprising:

receiving the application request for manipulation of the selected tile;

determining a current status of the selected tile in response to the application request;

selecting an appropriate tile manipulation rule for the application based on the current status of the tile; and

manipulating the tile in accordance with the selected tile manipulation rule.

25 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~ The computer-implemented method of claim 24,
~~further comprising determining wherein~~ the current status is determined to be banned and
~~wherein selecting the selected appropriate tile manipulation rule includes refusing that refuses~~
entry of the selected tile in the sidebar.

26 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~The computer-implemented method of claim 24, further comprising determining the current status as hidden and selecting the appropriate tile manipulation rule that allows the application to reveal the hidden tile.

27 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~The computer-implemented method of claim 24, further comprising determining the current status as newly installed and selecting the appropriate tile manipulation rule that allows entry of the selected tile at a bottom portion of the sidebar.

28 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~The computer-implemented method of claim 27, further comprising providing a user notification allowing the user to remove the selected tile.

29 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim~~The computer-implemented method of claim 24, further comprising determining the current status as visible and selecting the appropriate tile manipulation rule that allows the application to render the tile hidden.

30 (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for controlling a selected tile within a sidebar based on user preferences, the method comprising:

receiving a manipulation request from a user;

removing the selected tile from the sidebar upon receiving ~~a~~the user manipulation request;

refusing any subsequent request from an application to insert the selected tile into the sidebar; and

granting any subsequent request from the user to insert the selected tile into the sidebar.

31 (original): A computer-readable medium storing computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 30.

32 (original): A method for providing a user with control of the positioning of a selected tile within a sidebar based on user manipulation rules and application manipulation rules, the method comprising:

inserting the selected tile in a preferred sidebar position in response to a user request to insert the selected tile;

inserting the selected tile in less preferred sidebar position in response to an application request to insert the selected tile; and

allowing a user to preemptively prevent an application from inserting the selected tile in the sidebar.

33 (original): A computer-readable medium storing computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 32.